

IC 20-4-3

Chapter 3. Trustee Election in Hammond Community School Corporation

IC 20-4-3-1

Board of trustees; election at primary; terms of office

Sec. 1. (a) In a community school corporation set up under IC 20-4-1 that has a population of more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) but less than ninety thousand (90,000), and that is the successor in interest to a school city having the same population, the governing body shall consist of a board of trustees of five (5) members elected in the manner provided in this chapter.

(b) At the 2000 primary election and at each primary election every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each school corporation covered by this chapter two (2) school trustees each of whom shall serve for four (4) years. The two (2) candidates for the office of school trustee receiving the highest number of votes at the election take office on July 1 next following the election.

(c) At the 2002 primary election and at each primary election every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each school city covered by this chapter three (3) school trustees each of whom shall serve for four (4) years. The three (3) candidates for the office of school trustee receiving the highest number of votes at the election take office on July 1 next following the election.

(d) The school trustees shall be elected at the times provided and shall succeed the retiring members in the order and manner as set forth in this section.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.30, s.1.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.475; P.L.12-1992, SEC.102; P.L.122-2000, SEC.19.

IC 20-4-3-2

Method of election; ballots

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "county election board" includes a board of elections and registration under IC 3-6-5.2.

(b) The board of school trustees shall be elected on a general ticket for a term of four (4) years by the voters of any such school city. A voter may vote in such primary election for school trustees without otherwise voting and without declaring party preference. The members of such board shall be elected at the time of the primary elections as provided in section 1 of this chapter and shall be taken from the city at large without reference to district. Such election shall be held under IC 3-10-1, insofar as it is not inconsistent with this chapter.

(c) At the time provided by law for the filing of declaration of candidacy for the primary election in which members of the board of school trustees are to be elected as provided for in this chapter, legal voters of such city may present names of candidates for election as members of the board of school trustees to the county election board in each county in which is situated a school city subject to this chapter as follows:

(1) Each candidate shall be proposed in a petition in writing signed by not fewer than two hundred (200) legal voters of such school city.

(2) Not more than one (1) candidate may be named in any one (1) petition.

(3) No legal voter may sign petitions for a greater number of candidates than the number of school trustees to be elected in the primary election concerned.

(d) Upon the presentation of such petition to the county election board, the board shall publish the names proposed in accordance with IC 5-3-1 and shall certify such nominations in the manner as required by law. Such election shall be conducted in accordance with IC 3.

(e) The county election board shall prepare the ballot for the primary election at which school trustees are to be elected as provided in this section so that the names of the candidates nominated for the office of school trustee appear on the ballot in alphabetical order, without party designation and in the form prescribed by IC 3-10-1-19. The name of any candidate shall not be published and placed on the ballot by the county election board if the candidate is ineligible for membership on the board of school trustees under this chapter. Each voter may vote for as many candidates as there are school trustees to be elected.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.30, s.2.) As amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.516; P.L.176-1999, SEC.125.

IC 20-4-3-3

Legislative intent

Sec. 3. The intent of this chapter is to provide that the board of school trustees of the school corporations to which it relates shall be elected as provided in IC 20-4-1-26.2 and IC 20-4-1-26.4 through IC 20-4-1-26.6, but the provisions of this chapter shall prevail over any conflicting provisions of IC 20-4-1 relating to any such school corporation.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.30, s.3.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.476; P.L.3-1989, SEC.111.